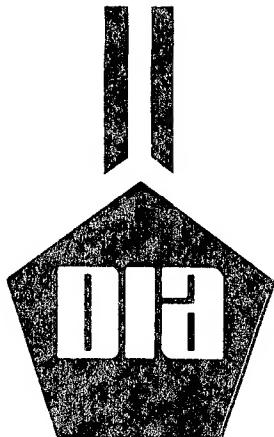


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(S) The refined categorization system has helped the Intelligence Community make estimates for the alert, dispersal, and mobilization of divisional units. It was developed through exhaustive research that led to publication of the Interagency Intelligence Memorandum — The Readiness of Soviet Ground Forces. Moreover, this system allows a more accurate assessment of the type and duration of training required to convert mobilized units into cohesive, proficient formations that can conduct effective combined-arms offensive operations in a mid- to high-intensity combat environment.

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| Warsaw Pact | | | |
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| Previous System | | Current System | |
| Number of Divisions | Description | Description | Number of Divisions |
| 80 | Category I (NATO CAT A) 75-100% | Full-strength Ready >95% (FSR) | 52 |
| | | Reduced-Strength Ready (I) 70-85% (RSR I) | 39 |
| 44 | Category II (NATO CAT B) 50-75% | Reduced-Strength Ready (II) 55-70% (RSR II) | 33 |
| | | High-Strength Cadre 25-40% (HSC) | 61 |
| 124 | Category III (NATO CAT C) <50% | Low-Strength Cadre 5-25% (LSC) | 63 |
| | | Mobilization Bases | 31 |
| Total 279 | | Total 279 | |

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(U) Comparison of Divisional Categorization Systems for the Warsaw Pact (Categories Expressed as a Percentage of War-Authorized Strength).

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Appendix 1
Warsaw Pact Operational Organization
and List of Maneuver Divisions by Current
and Previous Categorization Systems

(S) The Theater of Military Operations (TVD) is a wartime organization. The subordination of armies, corps, and divisions shown below reflects peacetime location and most likely wartime designation. These organizations could be assigned to other theaters if required.

| TVD and Headquarters, Army, or Corps | Division ID | Current Categorization System | Previous Categorization System |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Western TVD ¹ | 7 G ABN DIV 44 G ABN DIV | FSR HSC | I III |
| Group of Soviet Forces in Germany (GSFG) | | | |
| 1 Guards Tank Army | 9 TD 11 GTD 20 GMRD | FSR FSR FSR | I I I |
| U/I Guards Army | 16 GTD 21 MRD 94 GMRD 207 GMRD | FSR FSR FSR FSR | I I I I |
| 3 Shock Army | 7 GTD 10 GTD 12 GTD 47 GTD | FSR FSR FSR FSR | I I I I |
| 8 Guards Army | 27 GMRD 39 GMRD 57 GMRD 79 GTD | FSR FSR FSR FSR | I I I I |
| 20 Guards Army | 6 GMRD 25 TD 32 GTD 35 MRD | FSR FSR FSR FSR | I I I I |
| German Democratic Republic Military | | | |
| District III HQ | 4 MRD 7 TD 11 MRD 6 MRD | FSR FSR FSR MOB | I I I MOB |
| | Torgau MRD Irfersgruen MRD | MOB MOB | MOB MOB |
| Military District V HQ | 1 MRD 8 MRD 9 TD Anklam MRD | FSR FSR FSR MOB | I I I MOB |
| Central Group of Forces (CGF) | | | |
| CGF HQ | 15 GTD 18 GMRD | FSR FSR | I I |
| 28 Corps | 30 GMRD 31 TD 48 MRD | FSR FSR FSR | I I I |
| Czechoslovakia | | | |
| Western Military District | Kromeriz MRD Havlickuv Brod MRD Slany TD | MOB MOB MOB | MOB MOB MOB |

¹ (S) Western Theater of Military Operations (TVD) includes Soviet and national forces in the German Democratic Republic, Czechoslovakia, and Poland, and Soviet forces in the Baltic, Belorussian, and Carpathian Military Districts (MDs).

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| 1 Army | 1 TD | RSRI | I |
| | 2 MRD | RSRI | I |
| | 19 MRD | RSRI | I |
| | 20 MRD | RSRI | I |
| 4 Army | 3 MRD | HSC | III |
| | 4 TD | RSRII | II |
| | 9 TD | RSRII | II |
| | 15 MRD | RSRII | II |
| Eastern Military District | 13 TD | HSC | III |
| | 14 TD | HSC | III |
| Northern Group of Forces (NGF) | | | |
| NGF HQ | 20 TD | FSR | I |
| | 90 GTD | FSR | I |
| Poland | | | |
| Ministry of National Defense, HQ | 6 ABN DIV | RSRI | I |
| | 7 SEA LDG DIV | RSRI | I |
| | Gdansk Mech Div | MOB | MOB |
| | Prudnik Mech Div | MOB | MOB |
| Pomeranian Military District | 8 Mech Div | RSRI | I |
| | 12 Mech Div | RSRI | I |
| | 15 Mech Div | HSC | III |
| | 16 Armor Div | RSRI | I |
| | 20 Armor Div | FSR | I |
| Silesian Military District | 2 Mech Div | HSC | III |
| | 4 Mech Div | RSRI | I |
| | 5 Armor Div | FSR | I |
| | 10 Armor Div | RSRI | I |
| | 11 Armor Div | RSRI | I |
| Warsaw Military District | 1 Mech Div | HSC | III |
| | 3 Mech Div | LSC | III |
| | 9 Mech Div | LSC | III |
| Baltic Military District | | | |
| Baltic MD HQ | 3 GMRD | LSC | III |
| | 24 TD (TNG) | HSC | III |
| | 56 GMRD | LSC | III |
| | Chernyakhovsk MRD | LSC | III |
| | 107 MRD | LSC | III |
| | Pabrade MRD | MOB | MOB |
| 11 Guards Army | 1 GMRD | RSRI | II |
| | 1 GTD | RSRI | II |
| | 26 GMRD | LSC | III |
| | 40 GTD | HSC | III |
| Belorussian Military District | | | |
| Belorussian MD HQ | 120 GMRD (former)* | RSRI | I |
| | 45 GTD | HSC | III |
| 5 Guards Tank Army | 8 GTD | HSC | III |
| | 29 GTD | HSC | III |
| | 193 TD | HSC | III |
| 7 Tank Army | 3 GTD | HSC | III |
| | 34 TD | HSC | III |
| | 37 GTD | HSC | III |
| 28 Army | 50 GMRD | LSC | III |
| | Marina Gorka MRD | MOB | MOB |
| | 6 GTD | RSRI | II |
| | 46 GTD | HSC | III |
| | Brest TD | LSC | III |

* (S) The 120th GMRD has recently converted from a division into a new army-corps-type structure.

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Carpathian Military District
Carpathian MD HQ

| | | | |
|-------------|-----------------|------|-----|
| | 24 MRD | RSRI | II |
| | 66 GMRD | HSC | III |
| | 117 GTD | HSC | III |
| 8 Tank Army | 23 TD | RSRI | I |
| | 30 GTD | LSC | III |
| | 50 TD | LSC | III |
| 13 Army | 51 GMRD | LSC | III |
| | 97 GMRD | LSC | III |
| | 161 MRD | LSC | III |
| 38 Army | 17 GMRD | LSC | III |
| | 70 GMRD | LSC | III |
| | 128 GMRD | RSRI | II |
| | Yarmolintsy MRD | MOB | MOB |

Southwestern TVD²

Southwestern TVD HQ

Southern Group of Forces (SGF)

SGF HQ

| | | | |
|--|--------------|-----|---|
| | 98 G ABN DIV | FSR | I |
| | 13 GTD | FSR | I |
| | 19 GTD | FSR | I |
| | 93 GMRD | FSR | I |
| | 254 MRD | FSR | I |

Hungary

5 Army

| | | | |
|---------|--------|-------|-----|
| | 7 MRD | RSRII | II |
| | 8 MRD | RSRI | I |
| | 9 MRD | RSRI | I |
| | 11 TD | RSRI | I |
| 3 Corps | 4 MRD | HSC | III |
| | 15 MRD | HSC | III |

Bulgaria

Ministry of National Defense HQ

| | | | |
|--|------------|-----|-----|
| | 8 INF DIV | MOB | MOB |
| | 15 INF DIV | MOB | MOB |
| | 23 INF DIV | MOB | MOB |

1 Army

| | | | |
|--|--------|-------|-----|
| | 1 GMRD | HSC | III |
| | 28 MRD | RSRII | II |

2 Army

| | | | |
|--|--------|------|---|
| | 2 MRD | RSRI | I |
| | 17 MRD | RSRI | I |

3 Army

| | | | |
|--|--------|-------|-----|
| | 19 MRD | HSC | III |
| | 3 MRD | RSRII | II |
| | 7 MRD | RSRI | I |

Romania

1 Army

| | | | |
|--|--------|-------|-----|
| | 18 MRD | HSC | III |
| | 1 MRD | RSRI | I |
| | 57 TD | RSRII | II |

2 Army

| | | | |
|--|--------|-------|----|
| | 9 MRD | RSRI | I |
| | 10 MRD | RSRII | II |
| | 67 MRD | RSRII | II |

3 Army

| | | | |
|--|--------|-------|----|
| | 2 MRD | RSRII | II |
| | 18 MRD | RSRI | I |

4 Army

| | | | |
|--|--------|-------|----|
| | 11 MRD | RSRI | I |
| | 81 MRD | RSRII | II |
| | 6 TD | RSRI | I |

Odessa Military District

Odessa MD HQ

| | | | |
|--|---------|-----|-----|
| | 92 GMRD | HSC | III |
| | 28 GMRD | HSC | III |

² (S) Southwestern Theater of Military Operations (TVD) includes Soviet and national forces in Hungary, the national forces of Bulgaria and Romania, and Soviet forces in the Kiev and Odessa MDs.

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| 14 Army | 59 GMRD 86 GMRD 180 MRD Kagul MRD | HSC LSC LSC LSC | III III III III | |
| 32 Corps | 126 MRD 157 MRD Sovetskiy MRD | LSC LSC MOB | III III MOB | |
| Kiev Military District | | | | |
| Kiev MD HQ | 36 MRD 48 TD Voroshilovgrad MRD | LSC HSC HSC | III III III | |
| Zhdanovka TD | MOB | MOB | MOB | |
| 1 Guards Army | 25 GMRD Konotop MRD 72 GMRD 41 GTD Piryatin MRD | LSC LSC HSC HSC MOB | III III III III MOB | |
| Uman MRD | MOB | MOB | MOB | |
| 6 Guards Tank Army | 20 GTD 22 TD 42 GTD 75 GTD Krivoy Rog TD | HSC HSC HSC HSC MOB | III III III III MOB | |
| Southeastern TVD ³ | | | | |
| Southeastern TVD HQ | 104 G ABN DIV | FSR | I | |
| Transcaucasus MD HQ | 100 GMRD | HSC | III | 17 |
| 4 Army | Kirovabad GMRD 60 MRD 75 MRD | LSC LSC RSRII | III III II | |
| Baku GMRD | LSC | III | | |
| 7 Guards Army | 15 MRD 127 MRD 164 MRD | LSC RSRII RSRII | III II II | |
| 31 Corps | 10 GMRD 145 MRD 147 MRD | LSC LSC RSRII | III III II | 5 A |
| Kutaisi MRD | MOB | MOB | MOB | |
| North Caucasus Military District | | | | |
| North Caucasus MD HQ | 19 MRD 24 GMRD Volgograd MRD | HSC HSC HSC | III III III | 15 |
| Uryupinsk MRD | LSC | III | | |
| Novocherkassk TD | LSC | III | | |
| Prokladny MRD | MOB | MOB | MOB | |
| Krasnodar Corps | 9 MRD Novorossiysk MRD | HSC LSC | III III | |
| Bakinskaya MRD | LSC | III | | |
| Turkestan Military District | | | | |
| Turkestan MD HQ | 4 GMRD 83 GMRD 114 GMRD | HSC HSC LSC | III III III | 25 |
| UI Corps | 58 GMRD 88 MRD | HSC HSC | III III | Bir |

³(C) Southeastern Theater of Military Operations (TVD) includes Soviet forces in the North Caucasus, Transcaucasus, and Turkestan MDs and Afghanistan.

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|--------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| 40 Army | 103 G ABN DIV 5 GMRD 108 MRD 201 MRD | FSR FSR FSR FSR | I I I I |
| Northwestern TVD ⁴ | | | |
| Northwestern TVD HQ | 76 G ABN DIV | FSR | I |
| Leningrad Military District | | | |
| Leningrad MD HQ | 63 GMRD | HSC | III |
| 6 Army | 131 MRD 54 MRD 111 MRD Murmansk MRD Petrozavodsk MRD | RSRII RSRII LSC MOB MOB | II II III MOB MOB |
| Arkhangelsk Corps | 69 GMRD 77 GMRD | LSC LSC | III III |
| 30 Corps | 45 GMRD 64 GMRD | RSRII LSC | II III |
| Far East TVD ⁵ | | | |
| Central Asia Military District | | | |
| Central Asia MD HQ | 80 MRD Dushanbe MRD 203 MRD | HSC LSC LSC | III III III |
| Semipalatinsk Army | 155 MRD 78 TD 71 MRD | RSRII RSRII MOB | II II MOB |
| 17 Corps | 8 GMRD 68 MRD | LSC RSRI | III I |
| Far East Military District | | | |
| Far East MD HQ | Lyalichi MRD 199 MRD Spassk Dalniy MRD Skovorodino MRD Lyalichi TD Lesozavodsk MRD | HSC HSC LSC LSC RSRI RSRI | III III III III II II |
| 5 Army | 40 MRD 123 MRD Shkotovo MRD Sergeyevka MRD 29 MRD | RSRII RSRII LSC RSRII RSRI | II II III II II |
| 15 Army | 73 MRD Lermontovka GMRD Khabarovsk MRD | LSC RSRII LSC | III II III |
| 35 Army | 192 MRD 265 MRD 21 GTD Zavitinsk TD | RSRI RSRII RSRI RSRI | I II I II |
| Yuzno-Sakhalinsk Army | Burevestnik CDD 33 MRD 79 MRD | FSR RSRII LSC | I II III |
| 25 Corps | 22 MRD | RSRII | II |
| Birobidzhan Corps | 266 MRD 272 MRD Birodibzhan | LSC RSRII LSC | III II III |

⁴ (S) Northwestern Theater of Military Operations (TVD) includes Soviet forces in the Leningrad MD.⁵ (S) Far East Theater of Military Operations (TVD) includes Soviet forces in Mongolia and the Far Eastern, Transbaikal, Siberian, and Central Asian MDs.

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Siberian Military District

Siberian MD HQ

| | | |
|------------|-----|-----|
| 13 MRD | HSC | III |
| 56 MRD | HSC | III |
| 85 MRD | HSC | III |
| Omsk MRD | LSC | III |
| Itatka MRD | HSC | III |
| Abakan MRD | HSC | III |
| Abakan MRD | MOB | MOB |
| Biysk MRD | MOB | MOB |

Transbaikal Military District

Transbaikal MD HQ

| | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|
| Borzya MRD | HSC | III |
| 49 TD | HSC | III |
| Nizhneudinsk MRD | LSC | III |
| Nizhneudinsk MRD | MOB | MOB |

Ulan Ude Army

| | | |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Gusinozersk MRD | LSC | III |
| Ulan Ude MRD | LSC | III |
| Shelekov MRD | LSC | III |
| 5 GTD (former)* | FSR | I |
| Gusinozersk MRD | MOB | MOB |

36 Army

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|----|
| 11 GMRD | RSRII | II |
| 38 GMRD | RSRII | II |
| 122 GMRD | RSRII | II |
| 12 GMRD | RSRII | II |
| 41 MRD | FSR | I |
| Sumber Suma MRD | RSRI | II |
| 2 GTD | FSR | I |
| 51 TD | FSR | I |

Strategic Reserve⁶

General Staff HQ

Moscow Military District

Moscow MD HQ

| | | |
|---------------|-------|-----|
| 106 G ABN DIV | FSR | I |
| 2 GMRD | RSRI | I |
| 32 GMRD | LSC | III |
| 53 GMRD | HSC | III |
| Tambov MRD | LSC | III |
| Kursk MRD | LSC | III |
| 4 GTD | RSRII | II |
| 60 GTD | LSC | III |
| Mulino MRD | LSC | III |
| Klinsky MRD | MOB | MOB |

Ural Military District

Ural MD HQ

| | | |
|-----------|-----|-----|
| 34 MRD | HSC | III |
| 78 MRD | HSC | III |
| 163 MRD | LSC | III |
| Perm MRD | LSC | III |
| 44 TD | HSC | III |
| 153/5 MRD | MOB | MOB |

Volga Military District

Volga MD HQ

| | | |
|--------------|-----|-----|
| 43 MRD | HSC | III |
| 96 MRD | LSC | III |
| Totskoye MRD | HSC | III |

* (S) The 5th GTD has recently converted from a division into a new army-corps-type structure.

⁶ (S) The Strategic Reserve is composed of the Moscow, Volga, and Ural MDs. The forces in these districts will be assigned, as required, to any of the five theaters of operations.

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| (G) ABN DIV | — (Guards) Airborne Division |
| (G) MRD | — (Guards) Motorized Rifle Division |
| (G) TD | — (Guards) Tank Division |
| CDD | — Coastal Defense Division |
| Mech Div | — Mechanized Division (Polish equivalent to MRD) |
| Armor Div | — Armored Division (Polish equivalent to TD) |
| Sea Ldg Div | — Sea Landing Division |
| Inf Div | — Infantry Division |

Current Categories:

| | |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| FSR | — Full-Strength Ready |
| RSRI | — Reduced-Strength Ready I |
| RSRII | — Reduced-Strength Ready II |
| HSC | — High-Strength Cadre |
| LSC | — Low-Strength Cadre |
| MOB | — Mobilization Base |

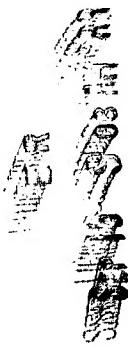
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